

MAR 1 9

CHICAGO  
DAILY NEWS

# Oliver Charges Plot to Conceal Facts on Kennedy

BY HENRY HANSON

CPYRGHT *Of Our Springfield Bureau*

DECATUR, Ill. — Prof. Revilo P. Oliver unleashed his peculiar brand of thunder on the right Wednesday night, and stunned Decatur.

Oliver charged that the Warren commission investigating the assassination of President Kennedy is plotting to conceal its findings.

He also said current efforts to pass civil rights legislation are part of "the international Communist conspiracy" to take over America.

Oliver suggested that Jack Ruby, slayer of Lee Harvey Oswald, was a Communist agent involved in an intricate plot to kill the President.

Oliver, a University of Illinois classics professor, lumped his critics all in one class, as Communist "vermin."

IN A SPEECH to a crowd of 500 persons in Decatur's Orlando Hotel, Oliver used the word "vermin" six times, the word "puke" four times and made frequent use of the adjectives "spit" and "vomit" in referring to anyone who did not share his views.

He attacked the press, saying, "We have some really ingenious rats scuttling about in the sewers of American journalism."

He hinted that Atty. Gen. Robert Kennedy participated in a plot to release Oswald as a suspect in the firing of a shot last summer at former Gen. Edwin A. Walker, of Dallas, a right-wing spokesman.



REVIVO P. OLIVER

OLIVER SAID he thought Robert Kennedy should speak out on a lecture tour in areas where Oliver has spoken.

"One wonders," he said, "why Bobby himself not only remains silent but has refused an invitation to speak after me on a lecture series and to refute, if he can, anything that I have said."

OLIVER'S introductory appearance at the meeting brought a spattering of boos and some wild standing ap-

plause. Decatur Police Chief James May assigned eight plainclothes police to prevent violence.

Oliver began with the words, "Fellow members of the John Birch Society and others . . ."

The professor was an early organizer of the Birch Society.

OLIVER SPOKE to an organization called the Community Lecture Series. It is headed by Dr. Dale Scholz, a general practitioner from nearby Mount Zion.

Oliver's diatribe included the charge that the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency recently contributed \$400,000 to the Soviet secret police, \$400,000 to the Communist Party in Italy and \$400,000 to the Communist Party in America.

University trustees defending freedom of expression decided Wednesday not to discipline Oliver for his far-out comments.

FOIAb3b